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BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — In just 10 days, the "Wire Dawgs" of the 332nd ECS pulled 15,000 feet of fiber optic and copper cable and installed \$50,000 worth of equipment to eliminate emissions security problems and improve the communications infrastructure of 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group.

On top of the changeover in wiring for secure communications the entire nonsecure internet and phone wiring was removed and replaced.

Team members included Tech. Sgt. Anthony Russell, team leader; Staff Sgt. Stephen Elizondo and Senior Airman Guyton who painstakingly terminated 200 fiber connections;

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Spicer, who truly

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motivated the team; and Senior Airmen Dan Mabie and Nicky Barton, who, along with Airman 1st Class Andrew Lower, became an indestructable force laying the foundation for all of the wiring in the building, and in many cases fabricating conduit for the entire project. Airman Lower became a one-man wrecking crew with the giant concrete drill, cutting 50 holes that were in some cases nearly three feet thick.

The project would have been a failure without the support of many other team members with supplies and network management. What would have taken most commercial teams three week to accomplish,

these dawgs wired in record time.

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